scheme of incentives and disincentives;

(iii) Universalisation of elementary education and complete eradication of illiteracy among the people in the age group of 1S to 35 years;

(iv) Provision of safe drinking water and primary health care facilities, including immunisation, accessible to all the villages and the entire population, and complete elimination of scavenging;

(v) Growth and diversification of agriculture to achieve self-sufficiency in food and generate surpluses for exports;

(vi) Strengthening the infrastructure (energy, transport, communication, irrigation) in order to support the growth process on a sustainable basis.

These objectives are targeted to be achieved by the end of the Plan period.

(c) and (d) Last NDC meeting was held on 18.09.1993. As and when important issues relating to development planning are to be discussed at national level, the NDC meeting is convened.

Constitution of Core Group to Suggest Changes in exim Policy

788. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be eased to state:

(a) whether Government have nstituted a core group of officials and hers to suggest changes needed in Exim icy to tackle operational problems dering export growth;

(b) the reasons for Government failing institute such a core group or any similar machinery to tackle ational problems hindering export the earlier despite suggestions and sentations made in this regard;

Production in BCCL

790. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BCCL is well ahead of ECL in production output per manshift and in the price of coal fetched from the consumers having less manpower;

(b) whether it is also a fact that loss suffered by BCCL is same as by ECL; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor giving detailed chart of expenditure on major items and showing factors neutralising better productivity of BCCL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) As per audited accounts for the year 1993-94 (accounts for 1994-95 have not yet finalised), the figures of production, output per manshift and average sale price of coal from BCCL and ECL are given below:

	ECL	BCCL
Production (million tonnes)	22.61	29.04
Manpower (No.)	171727	156576
Output per manshift (OMS) (tonnes)	0.59	0.90
Average sale price (Rs. per tonnes)	516.74	461.35

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Cost of production per tonnes of coal produced from ECL and BCCL mines under major heads is as follows:

(Rs./tonne)

	ECL	BCCL
Salaries & Wages	410.26	274.04
Stores	56.84	61.78
Power	56.05	38.80
Depreciation	68.54	41.81

		ECL	BCCL
Interest	TOTAL	46.18	44.54
Others		71.67	65.69
		709.54	526.66

The benefit of better productivity of BCCL in comparison to that of ECL to significant extent is being neutralised by the lower sale price of BCCL coal.

Payment of CCS to Public Sector Exporting Companies

791. DR. BAPU KALDATE:

(c) whether it is a fact that some vested interests were causing hinderances in the export growth; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken against such vested interests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Core Group will provide a forum for facilitating interaction between Govt, and Industry to resolve operational problems in the interests of export promotion. While such inter-actions did take place even earlier, the formation of the Group will institutionalise the mechanism of inter-action to make it regular and effective.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Docs not arise.

Per Capita Consumption of Food

789. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per capita consumption of food; and

(b) whether the per capita consumption is same for several years or has decreased?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) The daily per capita net availability of foodgrains (cereals and pulses) for domestic consumption in the recent past has been computed as under, as given in the Economic Survey 1994-95:—

(In grams)

1992	468.5
1993	464.4
1994	474.2

(The figures are provisional)

SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases relating to payment of cash compensatory support to the public sector exporting companies are still pending for payments;

(b) if so, the details thereof and since when these cases are pending in each regional office of D.G.F.T.;

(c) the number of cases in which Government had requested the audit authorities to drop their objections and to allow payments to be made;

(d) whether these cases will be expedited and settled at the earliest; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) No cas of any Public Sector undertaking pending for payment of CCS. In respect of one case of M/s. Balmer Lawrie Co. Ltd., the Audit had raised objection about alleged overpayment to the exte of nearly Rs. 71,69,714. The matter w taken up with the Principal Director Audit, Madras, who reduced the amou of overpayment to about Rs. 69,04,9